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Arizona Department of Administration Contracts and Procurement Section 100 N. 15th Avenue Suite 104 Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: Geotechnical and Environmental Consultants, Inc., DBA: GEC – SA&B Solicitation #SCC060000
Item 4.3 Bonding Capability

To Whom It May Concern:

We have been advised that our valued client, GEC – SA&B is responding to the referenced solicitation number.

They have not been required to provide bonding on any previous contracts. Acordia of Arizona has access to over 30 markets licensed to do business in the State of Arizona with Best Ratings of A or better. I have over 25 years experience in the surety industry and have the utmost confidence in our clients experience and financial strength. A review of the current financial information suggests a program of at least \$1,500,000 in surety credit. Upon receipt and review of a contract that requires bonding and any additional current underwriting information, I should not have any difficulty in providing adequate performance and payment bonds.

Any arrangement for bonding is a matter between the contractor and the surety and we assume no liability to third parties if for any reason bonds are not executed.

If I can be of further assistance, please feel free to call me direct at 602-381-2877.

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Sincerely,

Acordia of Arizona

Virginia Bradley, Director Surety Bond Division